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Short-lived 'low speed' pursuit ends in wreck

Elba man arrested after stealing ATV from Elba Fire Department

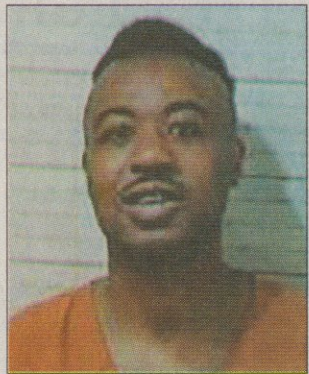
by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey confirmed the Saturday night, July 18, arrest of an individual that had reportedly stolen an ATV from the Elba Volunteer Fire Department building. After allegedly stealing the ATV, the individual later wrecked it near an Elba business.

Members of the Elba Fire Department responded to the Saturday night structure fire after it was reported to Elba Dispatch at 10:16 p.m. At approximately 11:30 p.m., Chief Hussey said his department received an ATV complaint in the downtown area.

In response to the ATV complaint, Hussey said one of his officers came in contact with the ATV and attempted to make a traffic stop; however, the operator of the ATV eluded the stop. "After a brief 15 mile per hour chase, the operator of the ATV struck a light pole in the area of National Security on Davis St." Chief Hussey said. "It was soon determined the ATV had been taken stolen from the Elba Fire Department building while the firefighters were attending to a active fire on Martin Luther King Drive."

Hussey said Jakori Warren, age 25, of Elba, was apprehended by Elba Police at approximately 11:37 p.m. He was arrested and charged with burglary



Jakori Warren

—third degree, theft of property — first degree, attempting to elude [no injury], and resisting arrest.

A Facebook post from the Elba Fire Department further confirmed the equip-

ment had been stolen and involved in a wreck, indicated Elba Fire Department's ATV-1 "crashed into a utility pole, potentially totaling our piece of life-saving equipment."

According to the fire department, the ATV was removed from the wreck scene and moved to a secure location with significant body, frame, and drive train damage.

Police Chief Hussey said it was fortunate that no person was injured as a result of this incident, including the suspect.

As of press time this week, Warren remained in the Coffee County Jail.



Elba Fire Department ATV-1 (shown here) was stolen from the department Saturday night while firefighters were battling a fire. The man charged with stealing the utility vehicle, Jakori Warren, reportedly wrecked it near 661 E Davis Street by crashing into a lightpole.

Elba BOE handles personnel matters

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education met Thursday evening, July 15, in a special called meeting for the board to take formal action on a few personnel matters.

Tiffany Vargas, a teacher at Elba Elementary School, submitted a resignation, and the board approved it. Superintendent Chris Moseley said Vargas lives in Troy, Ala., and she had accepted a position with the school system in that city.

A teacher hire for the elementary school approved by

board members was that of Shelley Kyzer. Moseley said Kyzer would be teaching third grade this upcoming school year.

Anna Marie Moore was approved for a system transfer from her current teaching position as a history teacher at Elba High School. For the 2021-2022 school year, Moore will be the new counselor at Elba Elementary School.

The final personnel matter approved by the board last Thursday night included accepting a resignation from William Craig as a bus driver

for the school system. The superintendent said Craig's resignation would be effective Aug. 11th, but he hoped to continue to fill in as a part-time driver for the system.

Moseley said Craig was resigning his full-time bus driver position due to health issues.

The board had its regular monthly meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening, July 20th. That meeting was held after press time for this week's paper, but the board was expected to approve the hire of a new history teacher at the high school.

Coffee County Commission approves request for highway department to assist New Brockton with parking lot project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission voted Monday, July 12, during the regular bi-monthly meeting to allow the county highway department with a project at the New Brockton Town Hall.

County engineer Marty Lentz said New Brockton has requested the county's assistance with a crushed gravel parking lot in front of New Brockton Town Hall. He said he felt like this project would take about a day and a half to complete, therefore, he was seeking permission from commissioners to assist.

Commission chairman Dean Smith made a motion to all the highway department to assist the Town of New Brockton with the parking lot project, and the motion passed with no opposition.

County EMA director James Brown continued

to encourage citizens to get vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus. He said the local area had been seeing an increase in cases again recently.

"It's not at a level we are overly concerned about at this point," Brown said. "It is something we are monitoring."

Vaccines can help prevent this, and we highly encourage getting the vaccine."

He added that the new variants of the virus showing up can pass quicker,

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Annual Elba High School Golf Tourney set for July 30th

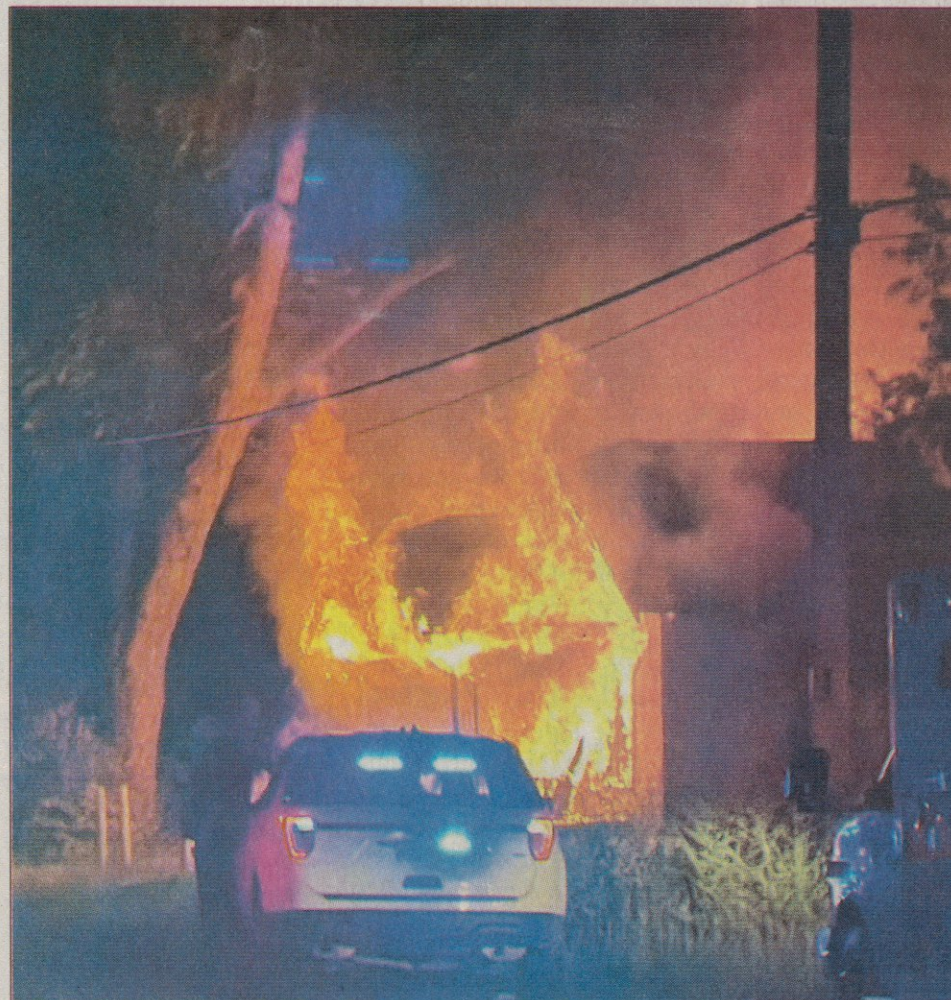
The Annual Elba High School Golf Tournament, benefiting the Elba High School Football and Golf Teams, will be held Friday, July 30, at the Elba Country Club.

This is a 3-Person Scramble [or 4 All-Woman Team] event. Registration is at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Entry fee is \$225 per team or \$75 per individual. Also, an advantage package can be purchased for \$75 including two mulligans and one advanced tee per player [additional mulligans can be purchased for \$5 each]. Individual golfers will be placed on a team by the staff.

For more information, contact Marc Sieving at (334) 389-4010 [msieving@elbaed.com] or Mark Wicker at (334) 300-8964 [mwicker@elbaed.com].

Checks can be made payable to Elba High School. Mail to: Elba High School, Attn: Marc Sieving or Mark Wicker, 371 Tiger Drive, Elba, AL 36323.



The Elba Volunteer Fire Department responded to the scene of this structure fire Saturday night shortly after 10 p.m. The fire was reported to Elba Dispatch at 10:16 p.m. Upon arrival on scene at 1251 Martin Luther King Dr, firefighters found heavy flames coming from the structure. The New Brockton Volunteer Fire Department was requested to assist Elba with this fire as mutual aid. This was a wood frame structure and was a total loss due to the fire. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters reported from this blaze; however, it was reported that numerous pets were inside the home and perished in the fire. Other emergency personnel responding to the scene included: Elba Police, Coffee County Deputies, and Enterprise Rescue. An on-call crew from the Elba Electric Department also responded.

Elba City Schools opens registration for new Elba Early Childcare Academy to meet the needs of community

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The availability of childcare/daycare services dropped drastically in Elba recently with the closing of two childcare facilities, but Elba City Schools has formulated a plan that could be an answer to the issue for many.

The Elba Career Academy at Elba City Schools has announced it will expand its education and training program with the opening of the Elba Early Childcare Academy. This venture will be housed at Elba Elementary School and will be able to provide childcare services for children ages 6 weeks old through age 4 years old.

"We're doing this because this school is the community," Superintendent Chris Moseley said. "The community needs something right now regarding childcare services, and we have the capability to do it. We want to do this for the community."

The superintendent said he also knows that Westside Baptist Church is looking to add a childcare service also to help the community



as well.

Christina Morgan, career technical director for Elba City Schools, said the Elba Early Childcare Academy is expected to open in early September, and spaces are limited in each age group. She said she is very excited about the opportunity to both meet a community need for affordable childcare and the need for the education and training students to be able to observe children of all ages develop.

"Currently, our education and training high school students are able to observe children in the age range of PreK through 6th grade," Morgan said. "This opportunity will allow them to be able to observe children at a much younger age which

will allow them to gain valuable knowledge in the areas of cognitive, physical, social, emotional and language development."

Morgan said the Elba Early Childcare Academy will provide quality care for participants while giving current Elba High School and Coffee County high school students an opportunity to observe children explore, learn and play while meeting developmental milestones.

Moseley said Elba City Schools also had reached out to Coffee County Schools letting teachers there know the childcare services will become available at Elba for those wanted to enroll their children as well. He said the new program at Elba could hold up to 43 children ages 6 weeks through age 4.

There will be tuition charges, just as at any childcare facility, Moseley said. After the program is up and running, he said there could be grants available to help subsidize the costs; however, that is not an option until after the new facility is

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NEW BUSINESS OPENS IN ELBA...The Elba Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony, with City of Elba officials, last Thursday morning, July 15, at the new O'Reilly's Auto Parts store in Elba. Mayor Tom Maddox (holding the ceremonial scissors) was surrounded by City of Elba queens for the ribbon cutting. O'Reilly's is located at 994 Alabama Highway 203, Elba [former Fred's Store building]. Store manager is Larry Campbell. He and several of the store employees are pictured above with the city and chamber officials for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"The bridges and highways we fail to repair today will have to be rebuilt tomorrow at many times the cost." - Ronald Reagan, November 1982

The Unemployment numbers in Alabama are down to 3.3%. Now that is not 3.3% of the whole adult population, but 3.3% of the active work force (or those wanting a job). This is good, but it also places some businesses in a bind because they can't find trained, qualified people to fill their job slots.

Recently we scoffed at the political correctness in America that has everyone trying to come up with something to correct all these terrible names Americans have labeled things, erected statues too, etc. Lo and behold a few days later we found out more transgressions . . . Asian carp, gypsy ant, gypsy moth . . . we are offending a bunch more folks and experts are actually trying to find something that will eliminate these horrible offending names. Why if Asian American, Chinese American, Japanese American, African American etc. are all preferred names to identify certain humans, is it incorrect and insulting to say Asian carp?? They originally came from Asia, according to the fish experts. Well, maybe that is why.

We have heard it all our life that young folks don't listen to their elders (and we were personally guilty of this ourself many, many times). Well it even applies to listening to the President of the United States . . . President Grover Cleveland once advised a youngster visiting the White House with his dad to never ever run for president of the United States. Well . . . Franklin D. Roosevelt was another kid who didn't listen to advice from one who knew all the negatives of such a position. He went on to be elected to four terms in that office - twice as many times as any other person who has aspired to lead this country.

Jeff Bezos, the brains behind Amazon, took his ride into space Tuesday morning, and all went well. There is a bit of grumbling about him spending all those millions of Amazon profits on developing a spaceship. Of course it is his money so he should have the freedom to do as he pleases with it. Our grandchildren will probably see some economic benefits from the things being developed by these ultrarich citizens, just as we have an alarming number of 'things' that were first developed for space travelers, paid for at taxpayer expense. If you are still offended, don't buy from Amazon, Facebook, Tesla cars, etc. . . . spend your money with your local merchants (or buy Aunt Susie a subscription to your local newspaper)! That way those folks will not amass such fortunes - with your money!!!

COVID-19 is spreading like wildfire once again all across America and around the world. Most of the new cases are of the more catchable version of COVID. One bunch of experts wrote that it takes only a five or ten second exposure to this latest delta variant version of the virus for a person to catch the bug. Lots of the increase is to this new version but also to the almost complete lack of wearing masks, especially by non-shot takers. Of course Alabama sticks out like a sore thumb with our very large percentage of unvaccinated adults. That makes them an easy prey for the bug and a carrier to infect dozens of others.

Be safe, get the shots, wash your hands - again!

It's Almost Time for Our Students to Return to School...Let's Be in Prayer for a Safe 2021-2022 School Year!

Letter to the Editor

To the Sports Editor,

The Sports News in the July 8th edition of the paper has a brief writeup about Mike DuBose returning to Opp as the head football coach.

The article states that he "...posted a 36-15 record during a four year stop in Luverne, but in his latest high school coaching stops went 0-10 at Northview and 3-7 at Prattville." In fact, he coached at Prattville in 1979 and Northview in 2002. Prattville was his very first head coaching job and the troubled Northview program was winless both the year before and the year after he was there. He coached at Luverne the next two years (2003 and

2004) where he compiled a combined 20-7 record which included a trip to the state championship game in 2003. He then returned to Luverne again in 2013 where he posted an 11-2 record.

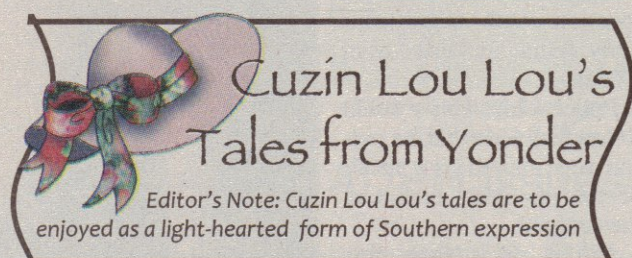
When the facts are considered by almost any standard, he has proven himself an outstanding football coach at every level from the SEC to the NFL and, yes, also the high school ranks.

Kyle DuBose
Gardendale AL

Share Your Views...

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Letter to the Editor!



Cuzin Lou Lou is here to affirm that pets have feelings too, and when one is mad at you, he/she will let it be known! At least...little Bean will let it be known when she is unhappy within the confines of the Yonder gang's household.

Such an occurrence happened last weekend.

Lou Lou was doing some cleaning and rearranging of furniture in her bedroom, which also happens to be Bean's bedroom. As the work was underway, Bean decided to "help" with the task, but the help was becoming more of a chore than the original job for Lou Lou. After a few times of chasing Bean down the hallway trying to recover the items she grabbed in her little mouth and took off with, Lou Lou decided it was time to block the doorway to keep Bean out completely until the work was finished.

For a little while, Bean seemed okay with the revelation that she couldn't get into "her room" because something was blocking the doorway. She ventured on down the hall and took up residence with Sister who was either reading a book or watching television at the time.

However, Bean

requires a lot of attention, and when she is not getting it...well...she lets everyone know she is unhappy.

Lou Lou soon realized as Bean returned to stand outside her bedroom door that she was none-too-happy with her mama for keeping her from being able to roam in and out of said bedroom as she pleased. That realization was confirmed when Bean gave Lou Lou the stare down and proceeded to bark at her.

A couple of barks later, Lou Lou decided she better take a break and give Bean some attention, but the damage had been done already. Bean wouldn't even come sit with Lou Lou on the couch...she was pouting and wanted her family to know it! She scowled at Lou Lou for hours. She was even testy with Sister for the remainder of the evening...all because she had been blocked from "HER ROOM."

Lou Lou often jokes that Bean is the ruler of the roost at the Yonder house...Well, it might not be a joke after all. As far as Bean is concerned, she is the ruler and the gang lives with her at her house!

There was good news on the horizon for this evening, however. When bedtime came around, Bean forgot all about being mad at Lou Lou as she happily snuggled up against her for a good night's sleep!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

ADPH reports unvaccinated people represent 96.2 percent of COVID-19 deaths in Alabama since April 1st

Of the 529 COVID-19 deaths in Alabama since April 1, 2021, only 20 people were fully vaccinated.

That means that 96.2 percent of deaths from COVID-19 in the past nearly three and one-half months in the state have occurred in people who were not fully vaccinated.

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris said, "COVID-19 vaccines are our best defense in preventing serious disease as well as deaths, and this is especial-

ly important as the highly transmissible Delta variant spreads. While it is possible to get any strain of the virus, infected people are much less likely to experience complications or hospitalizations if fully vaccinated."

COVID-19 case numbers are on the rise, and people need to take measures to protect themselves. More vulnerable people are at risk because of the low vaccination rate among eligible people in Alabama.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, July 13, 2021, and Monday, July 19, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, July 13 - Intoxicated driver reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (9:14 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1426 Hickman Ave - an arrest was made (9:27 a.m.); ATV complaint reported on Flatts Dirt Rd (12:03 p.m.); Fire reported at 1028 Martin Luther King Dr (3:23 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 189 N (4:15 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (7:46 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 804 Hwy 203 (8:06 p.m.); Assault reported at 883 Cedar Lane Dr (10:15 p.m.). There were four traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two written warnings, one verbal warning, and one citation.

Wednesday, July 14 - Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St (1:54 a.m.); Burglary reported at 715 Simmons St (8:14 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 1402 Claxton Ave (8:36 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 203 (8:44 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 261 Plant Ave (9:14 a.m.); Structure fire reported at 715 Simmons St (11:04 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1697 Lower Curtis Rd (4:51 p.m.). There were four traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one verbal warning, two written warnings, and one citation.

Thursday, July 15 - Assault reported at 475 Williams St (12:33 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1225 Farris Ave (1:07 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 661 Davis St E (9:02 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1309 Martin Luther King Dr (9:26 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1705 Stoudemire St (1:12 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 154 Yelverton Ave, Room 105 (3:15 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1131 Guyton St (4:02 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 885 Cedar Lane Dr (4:28 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Simmons St (7:13 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 923 Roosevelt Dr (10:41 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 713 Simmons St (10:51 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (11:32

p.m.). There were two traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one verbal warning, and one citation.

Friday, July 16 - Suspicious vehicle reported at 595 Collier St (12:58 a.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 656 Reynolds Ave (3:47 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 879 Cedar Lane Dr (1:26 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 804 Hwy 203 (3:38 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 203 - an arrest was made (4:03 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at Adkinson and Buford streets (4:53 p.m.); Harassment reported at 529 Claxton Ave N (4:56 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 412 Claxton Ave N (5:41 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Putnam St (6:50 p.m.). There were six traffic stops on this date resulting in three written warnings, and three citations.

Saturday, July 17 - Criminal mischief reported at 1565 Highland Dr (9:59 a.m.); Drug activity reported at 715 Simmons St (4:27 p.m.); Harassment reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (7:27 p.m.); Structure fire reported at 1251 Martin Luther King Dr (10:16 p.m.); ATV complaint at 661 Davis St E - an arrest was made (11:37 p.m.). There were six traffic stops on this date resulting in one verbal warning, four citations, and one written warning.

Sunday, July 18 - Suspicious person reported at 416 Collier St (1:23 a.m.); Intoxicated person reported at 1251 Martin Luther King Dr - an arrest was made (2:05 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1698 Hickman Ave (2:09 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (10:05 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 1402 Claxton Ave (12:32 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1064 Claxton Ave N (3:38 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 703 Roosevelt Dr (4:22 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 664 Reynolds Ave (8:59 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date resulting in two citations.

Monday, July 19 - Suspicious person reported at 606 Simmons St (5:45 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 304 Factory Ave (5:54 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 745 Lee St (8:52 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 139 Riverview Dr (11:38 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1280 Ann St (2:36 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Adkinson Ave and Davis St (9:09 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date resulting in three written warnings, and one citation.

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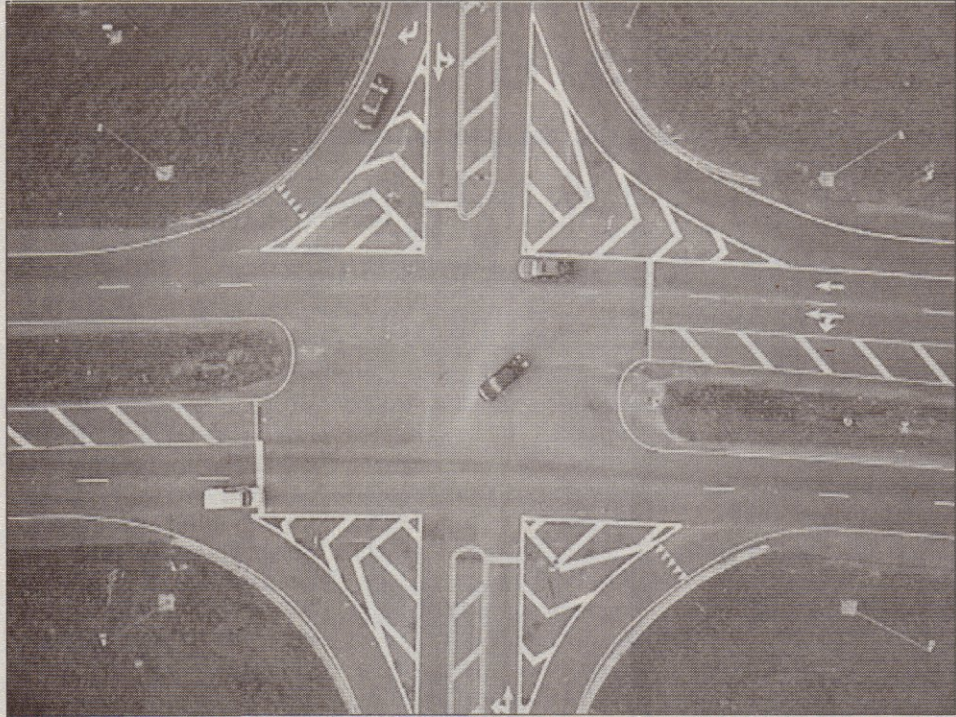
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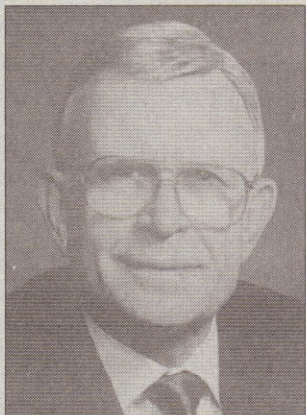
THIS AERIAL VIEW OF THE U.S. HIGHWAY 84 / ALABAMA HIGHWAY 87 INTERSECTION IN ELBA shows traffic patterns for the four-way stop intersection after Alabama DOT added paint and striping. This included some traffic pattern changes as "turn only" lanes were removed from each side of the four-way. Motorists traveling Hwy. 84 now have a continue straight lane and a continue straight or turn left lane on the left going both east and westbound. There also is a turn right and keep moving lane for Hwy 84 traffic. As for traffic traveling on Hwy 87 [Troy Hwy.], there is a turn right with yield lane and a continue straight or turn left lane for motorists traveling both south and north. All motorists are encouraged to use caution at the intersection as all learn the new patterns.

Pitts Enterprises mourns the passing of founder

With profound sadness, Pitts Enterprises announces the death of founder and former CEO, Andrew Pitts, Jr. on Friday, July 16.

Pitts grew up in Pittsview, Alabama and attended Auburn University. He worked in his family's businesses for several years before building his first logging trailer in 1976.

From the success of that first trailer, Pitts went on to build what has become the world's largest and only complete line forestry manufacturing company, headquartered in his hometown. "Andrew Pitts was a pioneer who moved the industry forward with his innovations," said Pitts Trailers President JP Pierson. "He leaves behind a strong legacy of hard work and belief in doing the right thing that will impact his family, his hometown, his company



Andrew Pitts

and the overall industry for decades to come."

Pitts will continue as a family business with Andrew's son Jeff Pitts, who has led the company as CEO since 2002.

"My father never forgot his roots. He invested in people — from his family and friends to his employees and customers," Jeff said. "He built this busi-

ness on innovation, quality and value. He instilled those ideals in Pitts Enterprises, and they will live on."

Andrew Pitts served his community as a member of the United Methodist Church, Chairman of the Republican party of Russell County and a founding member of the Pittsview Civic Society. He enjoyed rooting for the Auburn Tigers and playing golf in his free time.

Pitts was 90 years old and is survived by his wife Jean Pitts, his three children and seven grandchildren. A graveside funeral service was held at the Pittsview Cemetery in Pittsview, on Wednesday, July 21, at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pittsview Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 127, Pittsview, Alabama, 36871.

JAMES ROSS POOLE

Mr. James Ross "Hot Shot" Poole, age 89, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, July 15, 2021, at Southeast Health in Dothan, Ala.



Funeral services will be held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, July 22, 2021, beginning at 11 a.m. with Rev. Derek Snellgrove, Mr. Kevin Matthews and Mr. Steve Qualls officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Thursday, from 9-11 a.m. James Ross was preceded in death by his parents, Erelene Plant Poole and Jimmie Lee Poole; along with a sister, Sarah Sullivan.

Survivors include his niece: Scarlett P. (Steve) Qualls, Huntsville, Ala., great-niece: Gabrielle Lee Qualls, Huntsville, and Jordan Rae Qualls, Auburn, Ala.; great-nephew: Jarrett Mark Qualls, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; his brother: Bill E. Poole, Huntsville; special friend: Doris Matthews, Elba; as well as other extended family and a host of friends.

ELLIS HAYWOOD BOWERS

Mr. Ellis Haywood Bowers, age 83, of Kinston, Ala., died Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at his home in Kinston, Ala.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 17, 2021, from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, Elba, Ala., with Rev. Len Sasser and Rev. Byron Wiggins officiating. Committal services followed in the Alberton Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Bowers was preceded in death by his father, Bonard Newton Bowers, mother, Arkie Lee Bowers, and daughter, Robin Elaine Roberts. Survivors include his wife: Roxie Ann Bowers, Kinston; son: Michael Bowers, of Crete, Greece; sisters: Sybil Drum, Ozark, Ala., Barbara Bowers, and Bonnie Bowers, both of Geneva, Ala.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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ing. A private family burial will be held at a later time. Memorial contributions may be made to Hillcrest Baptist Church Bereavement Ministry. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba served the Goodson family.

Jerry was a graduate of New Brockton High School (Class of 1956), the University of Alabama, and received his Master's from Troy University. He served two tours in Vietnam with the U. S. Army. He was awarded a Purple Heart, three Bronze Stars, Air Flying Medal and three Army Commendation Medals for Valor. Jerry retired from the Army in 1977. After retiring from the Army, he worked with Dorsey Trailers before joining the Civil Service where he worked until 1999.

Jerry was involved with Enterprise Civitan Club, American Legion, Carmichael Masonic Lodge, Alcazar Shriners of Alabama, and Military Order of the Purple Heart, to name a few. Jerry served as Senior Deacon at Hillcrest Baptist Church where he was a member.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Walter Prude Goodson and Eldora "Dodie" Goodson.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 63 years: Patsy Parker Goodson, Elba, Ala.; sons: Jerry Goodson, Jr. (Sybille), Lincoln, Ala., David Goodson, Tucker, Ga., and Steve Goodson (Karen), Trussville, Ala.; five grandchildren: Miller Goodson Wallace (Grant), Jerry Goodson III, Bailey Goodson Hanna (Matthew), Reagan Goodson and Hunter Goodson; and two great-grandchildren: Gage Wallace and Janie Wallace.

BOBBIE JEAN FLOYD

Mrs. Bobbie Jean Floyd, age 84, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Monday, July 19, 2021, at her home in the Asbury community.

Funeral services will be held at Asbury Methodist Church on Thursday, July 22, 2021,

beginning at 3 p.m., with Rev. Howard Moore, and Rev. Danny Sherrer officiating. Burial will follow in the Asbury United Methodist Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday evening, July 21, from 6-8 p.m.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dallas Orell "Bo" Floyd; her parents, Nancy Ann Susan Kelley Floyd, and Bascom Clayton Floyd; a brother, Donald Harrison; and a sister, LaVonne Maloy.

Survivors include her sons: Larry (Lerita) Floyd, Coffee Springs, Ala., and Michael (Tammy) Floyd, Kinston, Ala.; daughters: JoAnn (Danny) Adams, Hartford, Ala., and Erica (Matt) Walters, Elba; her brother: Jimmy Harrison, Elba; sister: Nan Dawson, Elba; 10 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

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MICHAEL CONLEY JORDAN

Mr. Michael Conley Jordan, age 40, a lifelong resident of Troy, Ala., died Sunday, July 18, 2021, at UAB Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 3 p.m., in the chapel of Dillard Funeral Home in Troy with Rev. Steve Winton officiating. Burial will follow in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 2-3 p.m.

He is preceded in death by grandparents: Jack and Grace Ingram, Delmar and Audrey Jordan.

Survivors include his wife: Hannah Jordan; daughter: Jolene Jordan; parents: Conley and Charlene Jordan; brother: Scott Jordan (Blakely); mother and father-in-law: Doug and Betsy Martin; brothers-in-law: Trey Martin (Alicia), Griffin Martin; grandmother-in-law: Elaine Martin; nephews: Banks Jordan, Botts Jordan, James Martin; and niece: Avery Martin.

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which means those not vaccinated can catch the variants more easily.

In other business, commissioners approved a request to appoint Ralph Bradley to a vacant seat on the Department of Human Resources board. This term will expire August 2023.

Also, commissioners approved a bid from Thompson Tractor for repair to an excavator at the landfill. This cost was quoted at \$28,699.58.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, July 26, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

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CHURCH NEWS & More

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Steve Reneau, Pastor

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

The ancient Greek philosophers pondered what in life is eternal or constant. Many posited various theories, but the most intriguing to me is Heraclitus' statement that no one steps in the same river twice. Since you last stepped in the river the current has moved the water, the living creatures are in different places, time has passed and things have changed. You can never step into the exact same river twice. The only thing eternal, the only thing constant is that everything changes. For some, this view of the world can be discomfuting for nothing is fixed and everything is in flux. Yet, within this worldview there is the hope that things have the potential for change.

Recently, I just finished the first season of Loki on Disney's new streaming service called Disney+. For those not steeped in the Marvel Cinematic Universe or with Norse mythology, Loki is the god of mischief always attempting to rule, always betraying those close to him, always failing, and seemingly stuck in this cycle; He appears to confirm the adage that "people never change." Yet, this show delves into his ability and his desire to change, to break his cycle, to be transformed into someone better.

As people of faith, scripture shows us the eternality of God and the constancy of change for there is a season and a time for everything. Within these is a message of hope, there is the message to never give up, there is the message that we can behold transformation in people, places, and things. We have the knowledge that all things are possible with God. Perhaps there is someone or something in our lives, maybe even ourselves, that we desire, we hope to see change, to see transformation. If we are not careful, we can let that fatalistic understanding that "people never change" or cynical understanding that if there is change it is only for the worst.

Instead, let us dare to hope, be bold enough to believe, and trust that God desires transformation and invites us to be a part of it.

Zoar Cemetery Association annual meeting set for Saturday, July 24

The Zoar Cemetery Association has been meeting on Saturday before the fourth Sunday each July since 1988.

The annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery will be held Saturday, July 24, at Zoar

Cemetery, located on County Road 331, at 10 a.m. Continued personal and financial support is needed.

All with loved ones buried in Zoar Cemetery are encouraged to attend the annual meeting.



Whitewater Baptist Church invites children & adults to VBS next week

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, July 26, through Friday, July 30, from 6-8 p.m. at Whitewater Baptist Church, located at 4301 Hwy. 125, Elba.

Adult Bible Study starts at 6:30 p.m. each night.

VBS will include Bible study, games, missions, snacks, crafts, and songs.

There will be classes for ages 2 to adult. The theme is Big Fish Bay – Hooked on God's Mercy.

Family Day will be Sunday, Aug. 1, at 10:30 a.m. during the morning worship time.

For more information, call Vanessa Allen, VBS director, at 897-5367.



First Baptist Church of Elba held a successful Vacation Bible School last week! "The Greatest Gift", for children, ages 3 years to 6th grade, was held July 16th and 17th. Above, Pastor Kit Johnson and Elizabeth James are shown in character for the VBS circus theme event.

Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: Prayer to God in time of trouble. Psalm 43: 1-5

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Church Families, Teachers, Governmental Officials, Doctors, Ministers, Nursing Home Patients, World Peace, Betty Moore, Dwight Belcher, The Less Fortunate

July Birthdays

Christina Woods
Timberlake 7/17
Ella Noel Kelley 7/18
Frank Morris 7/18
Terry C. Culver 7/19
Beverly Daniels Hamilton 7/19
Flora Marson 7/19
Rell Smith 7/20
Nathan D. Smith 7/20
Ben Rayborn 7/21
Melvin Cross 7/21
Tim Andrews 7/22
Min. Randy Miller 7/22
Gavin Respress 7/23

A Different Inheritance

What happens to our wealth after we die? The usual answer is that it goes to our children. Some of the world's wealthiest individuals have different plans, however.

Rock star Gene Simmons made his fortune with hard work. He wants his children to learn the value of work too. Martial artist and movie star Jackie Chan plans to give most of his wealth to charity and not to his son. His logic is clear, "If he is capable, he can make his own money. If he is not, then he will just be wasting my money." Warren Buffet has promised not only to give away 99 percent of his wealth, he's also partnered with Bill Gates to persuade other super-wealthy individuals to do the same! Most of Buffet's fortune will go to charities, not to his children.

These and other incredibly rich people have expressed a Solomon-like wisdom

when it comes to inherited wealth. Solomon recognized that the best gift we can leave our children is wisdom, not cash. When we live a life of righteousness, we ensure that our children will "inherit substance" [Proverbs 8:21], not a life of ease and irresponsibility. – J.E.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 7/22/21

True or False

Q: Solomon wanted all earth's people to know that the Lord alone was God.

A: True [I King 8:60]

Q: Jesus said to give openly and set a good example for others.

A: False [Matthew 6: 34]

Q: We are to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

A: True [I Chronicles 16:29]

Thought to Remember

Church is not like Burger King. You can't have it your way.

Questions for the Week of 7/29/21

Fill in the Blanks

Q: Along with the Ark of the Lord, Solomon brought up the _____ and all the holy vessels.

Q: In the Old Testament book of I Chronicles 17: David spoke to Nathan about the location of the _____

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

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ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Harry Driggers, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adeock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP TABERNACLE
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

GREAT NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer . . . 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service . . . 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Enfinger, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

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Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even. 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study . . . 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS COGIC
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
C.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Shayne Allen, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Tommy Green, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Mike Medley, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Cary Maulden, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
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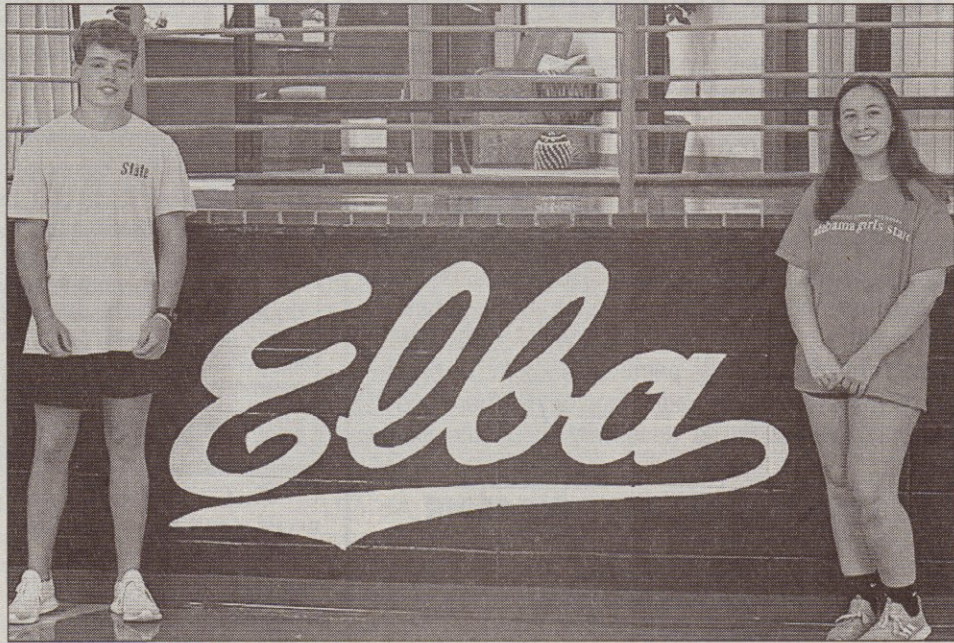
Elba represented at Alabama Girls and Boys State

Elba High School was represented this summer at Alabama Girls State and Alabama Boys State, both held on the campus of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

During the week of June 6-11, Callie Pope, daughter of Aaron and Martha Pope, represented Elba at the 2021 Session of Alabama Girls State. This was a week-long, fun-filled, hands-on learning opportunity for some of the best and brightest young women in the state.

Alabama Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. The purpose of Alabama Girls State is to provide an outstanding, unique, and coveted educational opportunity for young women that instills the basic ideals and principles of American government. It educates the delegates in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship in order that they may understand and participate in the functioning of government to help them grasp the meaning of some of the responsibilities they must assume as they become adults.

The first Girls State was conducted in 1938 and, since 1948 has been a regular part of the Auxiliary's better citizenship activity nationwide. Through its sponsorship of these miniature states, the American



Paxton Wise (left) represented Elba High School at Alabama Boys State during the week of July 11-17, 2021 while Callie Pope (right) represented the school the week of June 6-11, 2021 for Alabama Girls State.

Legion Auxiliary provides the capable, patriotic leadership needed for America's future.

The 84th annual Alabama Boys State, sponsored by the American Legion, was held the week of July 11-17, also on the campus of the University of Alabama. Elba was represented this year by Paxton Wise, son of Gappa and Mona Wise.

Alabama Boys State is one of the highest honors granted to Alabama students. Students from across the state are chosen based on their demonstration of leadership, hard work, strong morals, and motivation in school and community activities.

At Boys State, student delegates find the opportunity to build new friendships, participate in a mock government, and hear from

and meet a diverse array of Alabama leaders such as Congressmen, state elected officials, business leaders, civic leaders, and others. Delegates will have the opportunity to join interest groups that focus on their individual areas of interest such as law school, fire college, law enforcement academy, aerospace academy, lobbyists, city government, county government, constitutional convention, engineer/computer academy, and environmental interest group. Delegates also have activity time dur-

ing which they can participate in recreational activities such as basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer, academic bowl, etc.

Boys State was founded and its courses of instruction were designed to supplement the information taught in high school civic classes. Boys State teaches that the nation's form of government is good but that its preservation depends on intelligent, informed, and loyal citizens in combination with an honest and impartial administration of government activities.

Callie and Paxton each will be seniors at Elba High School for the upcoming school year.

July meeting for DAV Chapter 99 set for July 22nd

The July 2021 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, July 22, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish.

All members that can attend, are urged to attend. There will be election of chapter officers for the year 2021 - 2022.

For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

**Lifestyles
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Elba Public Library to host Bilingual Story Time on Mondays

On Mondays, the Elba Public Library hosts Bilingual Story Time for children in grades 2-6. This will be held from 4-5 p.m.

The goal is to teach children the corresponding language. A story will be read in both English and Spanish, and there will also be fun activities and a snack.

This program is sponsored by a grant from the Public Library Association's Inclusive Internship Initiative.

For questions, call (334) 897-6921 or email: library@elbaal.gov

In other news from the Elba Public Library, city clerk Sally Bane reported to the Elba City Council during its meeting Monday evening, July 12, that over 1,500 people visited the library during the month of June. She said this was way up from a little over 600 in person visits in May.

"They have been very, very busy at the library," Bane said. "Also, the summer reading program was a huge success, and most of the kids involved hated to see it end, including my own."

The library also held two book signings recently, and continues to add more programs all the time.

Beginning Aug. 2nd, the library plans to return to its regular operating hours [pre-COVID], which includes extended hours on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

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Coffee County School System seeks help identifying those with disabilities

The Coffee County School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities, ages 3-21 years, who are not enrolled in an educational setting, and all 0-3 year old children with disabilities.

A parent of a child with disabilities or those who know of someone who is disabled, is asked to contact the principal of the local school or the Special Education Coordinator's office at the Coffee County Board of Education at 334-897-5016.

It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.

Coffee County School System contacts:

- Tami Crosby, Special Services Coordinator, 334-897-5016
- Kelly Cobb, Federal Programs Coordinator, 334-897-5016
- Megan Driggers, Principal, Kinston School, 334-565-3016
- Holli Richardson, Principal, New Brockton Elementary, 334-894-6152
- Alonzo Barkley,

Principal, New Brockton High, 334-894-2350

• Matt Barton, Principal, Zion Chapel School, 334-897-6275

The Coffee County Board of Education office is located at 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, AL 36323; Phone 334-897-5016; Fax: 334-897-6207

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
EDITH ZIGLAR HOWARD, deceased

CASE NO. PC-2021-053 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR

Letters Testamentary under the Last Will and Testament of said deceased having been granted to **Johnnie I. Howard** on the 6th day of July, 2021, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Johnnie I Howard, Petitioner/s/ Joel Lee Williams
Joel Lee Williams
Attorney at Law
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7/15,22,29-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Jerome Donaldson, Deceased.

CASE NO. PC-2021-054

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Jerome Donaldson, deceased, having been granted to Laurie Ramsey, Personal Representative, on the 8th day of July, 2021, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney 300 E. Lee Street Enterprise, AL 36330 (334) 393-5146

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA Elba Division

IN RE: The estate of **LONNIE RAY COLEMAN, Deceased.**

CASE NO. PC 2021-042

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to JAMES MARTIN as administrator of the estate of **Lonnie Ray Coleman**, deceased on the 27th day of July, 2020, by the Honorable Judge of Probate. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Gary D. Bradshaw GARY D. BRADSHAW Attorney for Petitioner 7/15,22,29-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF BETTY LANGLEY, Deceased.

CASE NO: PC2021-056

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Jamie Langley on the 13th day of July 2021 by the Honorable Judge Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the

same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 13th day of July 2021. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge 7/22,29 & 8/5-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WANDA MARIE THOMAS SHIRLEY Deceased.

CASE NO: PC-2021-055

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted the 13th day of July, 2021, to Leon Merrill Shirley as Administrator of the Estate of Wanda Marie Thomas Shirley, deceased, who departed this life on the 26th day of May, 2021, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ L. Merrill Shirley Leon Merrill Shirley, Administrator of the Estate of Wanda Marie Thomas Shirley, Deceased 7/22,29&8/5-pd.

Alabama governor announces June's unemployment rate drops to 3.3%

Governor Kay Ivey announced today that Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted June unemployment rate is 3.3%, down from May's rate of 3.4%, and well below June 2020's rate of 7.7%. June's rate represents 73,744 unemployed persons, compared to 75,398 in May and 171,721 in June 2020, representing an over-the-year drop of 97,977.

"As our unemployment rate continues to drop and employers continue to fill jobs, we're proud to celebrate the fact that Alabama is open for business," said Governor Kay Ivey. "The drastic changes we've seen since last year are truly remarkable and are a testament to the dedication and work ethic of Alabamians. After months of struggling through an unprecedented pandemic, I'm proud to say that nearly 90,000 more Alabamians are working today than last year!"

In June, 2,139,420 people were counted as employed, up 89,705 from June 2020.

"Our jobs count this

month hit its highest mark so far in 2021," said Washington. "Employers are eagerly looking for employees and are actively hiring. We're especially proud to say that the leisure and hospitality industry, which took such a severe hit during the pandemic, is also at a yearly high, and has seen yearly growth of nearly 29,000 jobs."

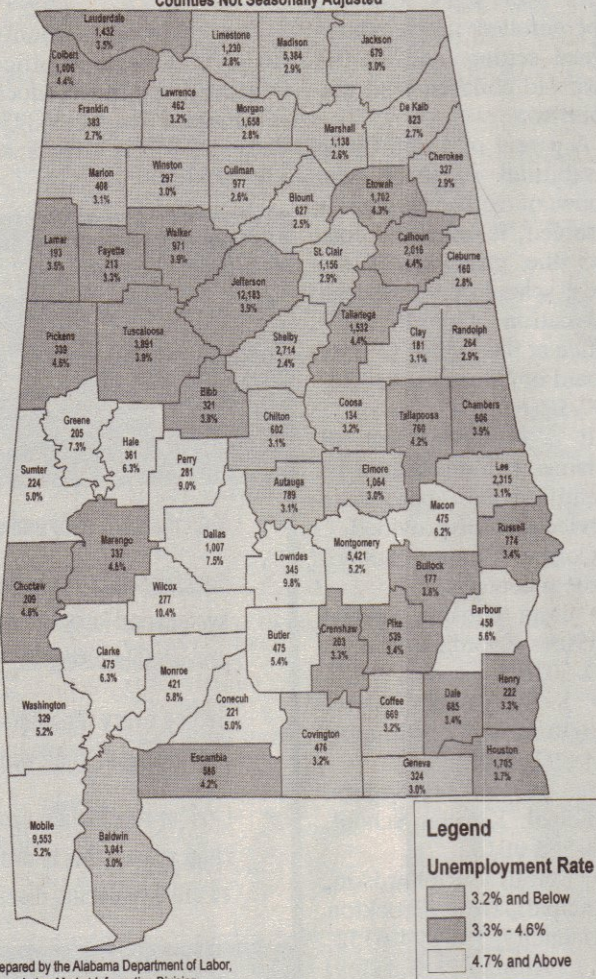
Wage and salary employment grew in June by 13,400. Monthly gains were seen in the leisure and hospitality sector (+8,100), the manufacturing sector (+2,600), and the trade, transportation, and utilities sector (+2,600), among others. Over the year, wage and salary employment increased 89,200, with gains in the leisure and hospitality sector (+27,900), the professional and business services sector (+15,700), and the manufacturing sector (+14,700), among others.

According to Help Wanted Online (HWOL) data, the number of online job postings measured 88,165 in June, which is

more than the number of people counted as unemployed. Additionally, the number of initial claims filed for the week ending July 10 was 5,435, the lowest since the pandemic began. Since Alabama made the decision to end federal pandemic unemployment benefits, the number of initial unemployment claims has significantly dropped and the number of online job postings has decreased as employers fill open jobs.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are: Shelby County at 2.4%, Blount County at 2.5%, and Marshall and Cullman Counties at 2.6%. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are: Wilcox County at 10.4%, Lowndes County at 9.8%, and Perry County at 9.0%.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are: Alabaster at 2.4%, Homewood at 2.4%, Vestavia Hills at 2.5%, and Hoover at 2.6%. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are: Selma at 8.9%, Prichard at 8.3%, and Anniston at 6.1%.

Alabama
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June 2021 Preliminary
State Rate Seasonally Adjusted: 3.3%
State Rate Not Seasonally Adjusted: 3.7%
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson brought a paper with him one day last week and made sure we saw the school supply list for fifth graders. I told him he probably had most of the stuff left over from last year, but I agreed after a while that he needed to start the new school year with all new supplies. I told him his Nanny could take him school shopping, but of course I ended up doing the driving. Oh well, here we go again.

For what it is worth

*** *The Elba Tigers joined* a couple of other area teams last week for a seven-on-seven contest in New Brockton and once again more than held their own in the daylong event. The Tigers are a running team and don't really try to fool anybody on offense, but have proven to themselves and other teams they are also effective when they put the ball in the air. The Tigers defense gave up a lot of points last season in area games, but has made some subtle changes that have looked good in summer competition, and should be much improved. It is true Elba lost some very talented players from last year's team. However, this bunch seems to enjoy playing football and it also seems like the coaches enjoy working with this group.

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by* over the weekend and said he was more than ready for the high school football season to kick off. He stated the season will open on Thursday night, Aug. 19, when the newly revived Straughn Tigers travel to 1A Pleasant Home, and added that the Friday games on Aug. 20 will include Elba heading to Daleville to challenge another new Warhawks head football coach, Kinston hosting Houston Academy, New Brockton hosting Cottonwood, Brantley traveling to G.W. Long for a visit with new Rebel head coach and longtime Bulldog assistant David Watts, and Zion Chapel going down to Florala to tangle with the new look Wildcats. Other games that the local guesspert said would be keeping an eye on would be Dale County at Arton, Opp at Geneva, and Geneva County and its five-star future Crimson Tide signee Emmanuel Henderson heading to face an always tough Flomaton squad. It looks like no easy openers for teams across the area.

*** *The Alabama-Miami football game* on Sept. 4 will help kick off the 2021 college season and it was interesting to read some of the details about the game last week in an Atlanta newspaper. The Tide will wear all white uniforms and is the visiting team in the game, and will be allocated 29,965 tickets that have a value of \$5,696,750. If all tickets are sold, Alabama will receive a big payday of \$5 million. The Tide booked 227 rooms for the Friday night before the game in a downtown Atlanta hotel, 100 of which were complimentary. The cost for the remaining rooms and the food and beverage guarantee totals \$77,000. I still don't like the NCAA's 'NIL' rule, but will admit that college football is a multi-million dollar business.

*** *In closing....* The offers are beginning to pile up for Elba Tiger football standout Chrystyle Caldwell and unless I miss my guess he will have plenty of offers to choose from before the season gets very old. Among the early offers from colleges are Army and Washington State, two schools not too close to the Pea River. So, there is no doubt all the colleges know about the Tiger star and will soon join the folks making an offer.

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Area high school football teams all have a fabled history of success on the gridiron

by Ricky Mularz,
Sports Editor

The 2021 high school football season is quickly closing in and as the teams in the area work to get ready for what they hope will be a successful season, fans are preparing to add another page in the history books of their favorite teams.

Before another page is added, here is a look back at the rich history that has already been written for the teams in the area:



NEW BROCKTON

The New Brockton Gamecocks have been competing in football for 47 years and own an all-time record of 262-231. The Gamecocks boast a 147-95 record at home and own a respectable 115-130 record on the road.

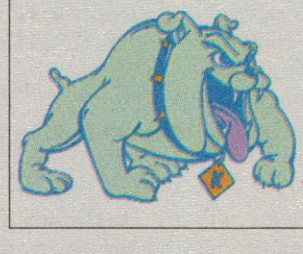
New Brockton failed to post a win in its initial season on the gridiron back in 1974 and dropped its first game ever 39-12 to Clio. The Gamecocks did claim their first win in 1975 over Kinston 42-0, but that was the only win as they struggled to a 1-9 record.

New Brockton made its first playoff appearance in 1985 and made history the next three seasons as the Gamecocks won 10 games in 1986, 11 games in 1987 and 12 games in 1988.

The most points the Gamecocks have scored in a game is 71, against Central, of Hayneville, in 2016, while the most points allowed is 64, in a 2005 loss to Houston Academy. The longest winning streak in team history is 11, while

the longest losing streak is 15 games.

New Brockton owns a winning record against many of the teams on its schedule over the years, including Calhoun (9-1), Central Hayneville (8-0), Coffee Springs (5-4), Conecuh County (3-1), Daleville (5-4), Florala (11-5), G.W. Long (17-12), Geneva County (8-5), Goshen (16-12), Kinston (29-6), Samson (19-5), Pleasant Home (4-0) and Zion Chapel (35-10).



KINSTON

The Kinston Bulldogs have been hitting the football field for 50 years and owns a 138-348-1 all-time record. The Bulldogs have posted a 73-152 record at home and a 60-175 record on the road.

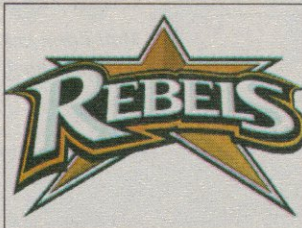
Kinston played its first football game way back in 1927, with a 49-0 loss to Geneva, and claimed its first win the next season in 1928 when the Bulldog shut out Lockhart 14-0.

The Bulldogs first playoff appearance came in 1987, and they celebrated with a 14-8 win over Conecuh County. The most wins in Kinston football history is six, set in 2014, while the record for losses in a season is 10, set back in 2008.

The most points scored in a game is 68, set in 2010 against Florala, while the most points allowed is 69, coming back in 2008 against New Brockton. The Bulldogs longest winning streak is four games, while the longest losing streak stands at 28 games.

The Bulldogs own

winning records against a number of teams, including Freeport (2-1), J.F. Shields (2-0), Lyman Ward (2-0), Lockhart (2-0), and, Autaugaville/Hicks Memorial (2-0).



ZION CHAPEL

The Zion Chapel Rebels have been competing on the football field for 59 years and own an all-time record of 20-391-1. The Rebels have posted a 121-171-1 record at home, while on the road their record stands at 77-215.

Zion Chapel's first game was played back in 1962 and was a hard fought 13-12 win over the Louisville B team.

The Rebels first playoff appearance came in 1971, while the first playoff win came in 1974 over Brantley 15-12. The historic 1974 season was also the Rebels first undefeated regular season and set the record for wins in a season with 13. The most losses in a season are 10, set in the 2013 season.

The most points scored in a game by Zion Chapel is 67, set back in 2008 in a win over Kinston, while the most points allowed is 68, surrendered in 2015 to Elba. The Rebels longest winning streak is 13 games, while the longest losing streak stands at 16 games.

Zion Chapel owns winning records against many teams on its schedule, including Calhoun (8-2), Central Hayneville (5-3), Clayton (11-7), Dozier (2-1), J.F. Shields (2-0), Montgomery County (2-0), Pleasant Home (10-5), Red Level (3-1), Straughn (43), and Kinston (25-21).



BRANTLEY

The Brantley Bulldogs have been playing football for 95 years and own an all-time record of 578-332-15. The Bulldogs have an outstanding 298-119-3 record at home, while on the road their record stands at 240-155-6.

Brantley played its first football game back in 1927, when the Bulldogs defeated cross-county rival Luverne 14-0.

The Bulldogs made their first playoff appearance in 1974 with a 15-12 loss to Zion Chapel, while the first post-season win came in 1976 when they defeated Houston Academy 47-0. The Bulldogs first undefeated season was in 1976, and they ran the table in 1993 when they posted a 15-0 record.

The most points scored in a game is 72, against Fruitdale, in 219, while the most points allowed are 63, surrendered to Georgiana in 1955. The Bulldogs longest winning streak is 22 games, and the longest losing streak is 15 games.

Brantley owns a winning record against most of the teams on its schedule, including Alabama Christian (4-0), Arton (15-0), Dozier (31-15-2), Florala (24-3-1), Geneva County (6-0), Goshen (34-15), Highland Home (54-22), Kinston (31-4), McKenzie (37-17-2), Montgomery County (15-9), Pleasant Home (20-1), Red Level (43-14), Straughn (9-5) and Zion Chapel (20-2).

AHSAA 'Kickoff Classic' set for Aug. 19 & 20

Defending Class 4A state champion Handley High School will be riding a five-game winning streak heading into the AHSAA's season-opening 2021 Kickoff Classic clash versus Guntersville High School at Cramton Bowl on Thursday, August 19. Class 7A Dothan and Bob Jones square off in game two of the Kickoff Classic the following night, Friday, Aug. 20.

Both games will kick off at 7 p.m. and will be televised live by the AHSAA TV Network and live-streamed over the NFHS Network with AHSAA partner WOTM TV producing both contests under the guidance of executive producer Vince Earley. Both games will also be broadcast live over the AHSAA Radio Network.

Handley, which is coming off a 12-1 season and a 35-20 win over

Gordo in the Class 4A state championship game last December, is led by senior running back **Tae Alexander**, who ran for 2,183 yards and 33 touchdowns in 2020. He logged 38 carries for 264 yards and four TDs in the Super 7 finals at Bryant-Denny Stadium to earn 4A MVP honors.

The state title was the third for Handley since 2011 and the second for current head coach **Larry Strain**, who is 47-25 in six seasons with the Tigers and 149-111 overall in 22 seasons. He also coached the Roanoke school to the 2016 state title and guided Woodland to the Class 2A state finals in 2004 and 2006. Handley's only loss in 2020 was to Class 5A power Central of Clay County 15-14. The storied Handley program has compiled a 547-447-28 record in 100 seasons, which includes 11 years

with 10 or more wins.

Guntersville finished 10-1 last season falling to Class 5A state runner-up Pleasant Grove in the second round of the state playoffs. The Wildcats of **Coach Lance Reese** set a school record for points scored (542) in 2020, surpassing the previous record of 540 set in 2006 when Guntersville finished 14-1 enroute to the Class 5A state crown. Last year's team scored 50 or more points six times last season and 40 or more nine times.

Junior quarterback **Cole McCarty** and senior running back **Logan Pate** each earned All-State honors last season. The Wildcats' storied program has compiled a 617-406-21 record in 105 seasons with 74 of those years resulting in winning records. The 1955 team coached by **Joe Chorba** finished 10-0 and was declared state champs by the media.

Reese (89-35), beginning his 12th season as head coach, ranks second all-time to **Chorba** (100-23-6) in wins at Guntersville. He has guided the Wildcats to 10 or more wins four times since 2013.

Dothan (2-7), which opened in 2019 after the Dothan City Schools merged Northview and Dothan high schools into one mega school, finished 8-3 that first year but struggled with COVID 19 difficulties resulting in a

season-opening forfeit loss in 2020. The Wolves lost their first five games before regrouping and closing out the second half of the season with a 2-2 record.

Coach Smitty Grider, who has 121-59 career record with head-coaching stops at Central Coosa (5-5), Beauregard (64-28), Park Crossing (38-9), Hazel Green (4-7) and Dothan (10-10), has shown a strong ability to build programs during his career. The Wolves showed plenty of promise in 2019 and closed last season averaging 30.3 points over the last four contests. He guided Park Crossing to a 13-1 season in 2018.

Bob Jones (3-7), coached by former Dothan head coach **Kelvis White** (67-72), opened strong with two wins in the Patriots' first three games. However, COVID 19 problems led to two mid-season forfeits and Bob Jones never really fully recovered.

White, who spent eight seasons (39-45) as head coach at Dothan's previous high school, was a key assistant coach in Homewood's domination in Class 5A in the early 2000s. The former University of Alabama standout lineman and son of Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame coach **Louis White**, also spent four seasons at Mae Jemison (25-20) before moving to Class 7A Bob Jones last year.

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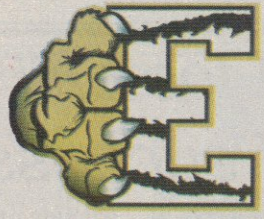
Elba Quarterback Club ready for new season

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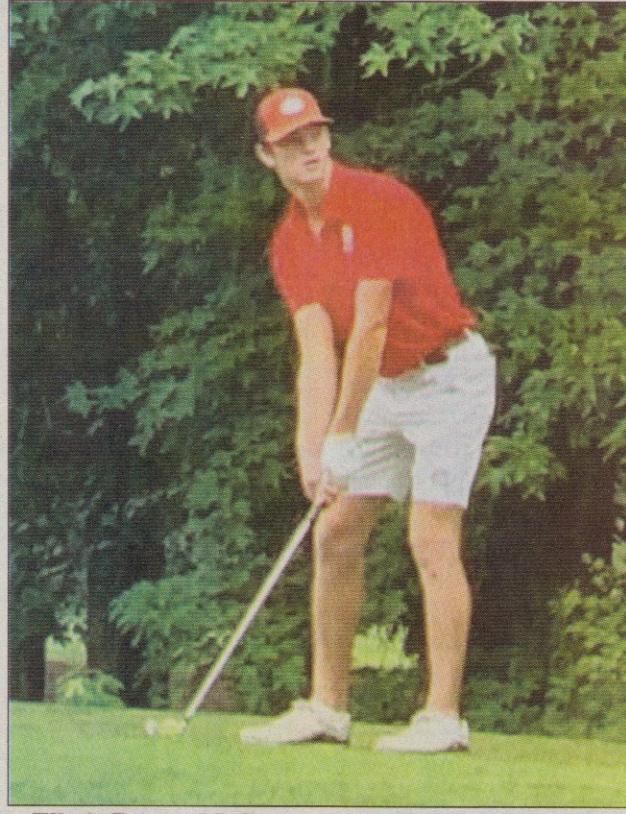
to advertise your business is also available. You may purchase individualized canvas banners to be displayed on the end zone fence, with the opportunity to renew each year. There will be opportunities for members to volunteer and support fundraisers throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you at our first QB Club meeting Friday August 20, 2021 11:30 at the Elba Country Club.

Thank you for your support and as always "It's Great to Be an Elba Tiger!"
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Elba represented on AHSAA All-Star golf team



Elba's Peyton McCart participating in this week's AHSAA All-Star Week golf competition.

The Elba Tigers were represented this week at the Alabama High School Athletic Association's [AHSAA] All-Star golf competition by Coach Mark Wicker and student Peyton McCart.

Wicker (pictured at far right in team picture) coached the South team for the AHSAA All-Star Week golf competition while Peyton McCart played for the South team.

It was a rain-shortened event for the golf competition with the North team coming out on top.

Wicker coached the Tigers to the AHSAA state championship in May for Class 1A/2A boys. McCart was a vital part of that championship team with his productivity during the season leading to his being named a part of the South All-Star team.

ADPH issues fish consumption advisories

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) annually updates fish consumption advisories based on data collected the preceding fall by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). ADEM, the Tennessee

Valley Authority, and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources collected samples of specific fish species for analysis from various waterbodies throughout the state during the fall of 2020 (492 samples; 41 collection stations). ADPH assessed

the analytical results to determine whether any of the tested contaminants in the fish may give rise to potential human health effects. Fish consumption advisories are issued for specific waterbodies and specific species taken from those areas. In reservoirs, advisories apply to waters as far as a boat can be taken upstream in a tributary, that is, to full pool elevations.

Newly issued advisories will be represented as the safe number of meals of that species of fish that can be eaten in a given period of time, such as meals per week, meals per month or do not eat any. A meal portion consists of 6 ounces of cooked fish or 8 ounces of raw fish.

New and updated consumption advisories issued for the 41 bodies of water tested can be found on the ADPH website: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/tox/assets/al-fish-advisory-2021.pdf>

The advice contained in this release and complete listings of the posted fish consumption advisories are offered as guidance to individuals who wish to eat fish they catch from various waterbodies throughout the state. No regulations ban the consumption of any of the fish caught within the state, nor is there a risk of an acute toxic episode that could result from consuming any of the fish containing the contaminants for which the state has conducted analyses.

A fish consumption advisory can be issued for one or more specific species of fish within a waterbody or an advisory can be extended to include all fish species within that waterbody. When excess levels of a contaminant are found in a specific species of fish, an advisory is issued for that specific species.

When excess levels of a contaminant are found in multiple fish species sampled from a specific waterbody, a Do Not Eat Any advisory is issued. Consumption of any fish from a specific waterbody under a Do Not Eat Any advisory may place the consumer at risk for harm from the contaminant.

If a species is listed in the advisory, it is prudent to assume that similar species with similar feeding habits should be consumed with caution. For example, if black crappie is listed and white crappie is not, because they are in the same family, all crappie would fall under the listed advisory.

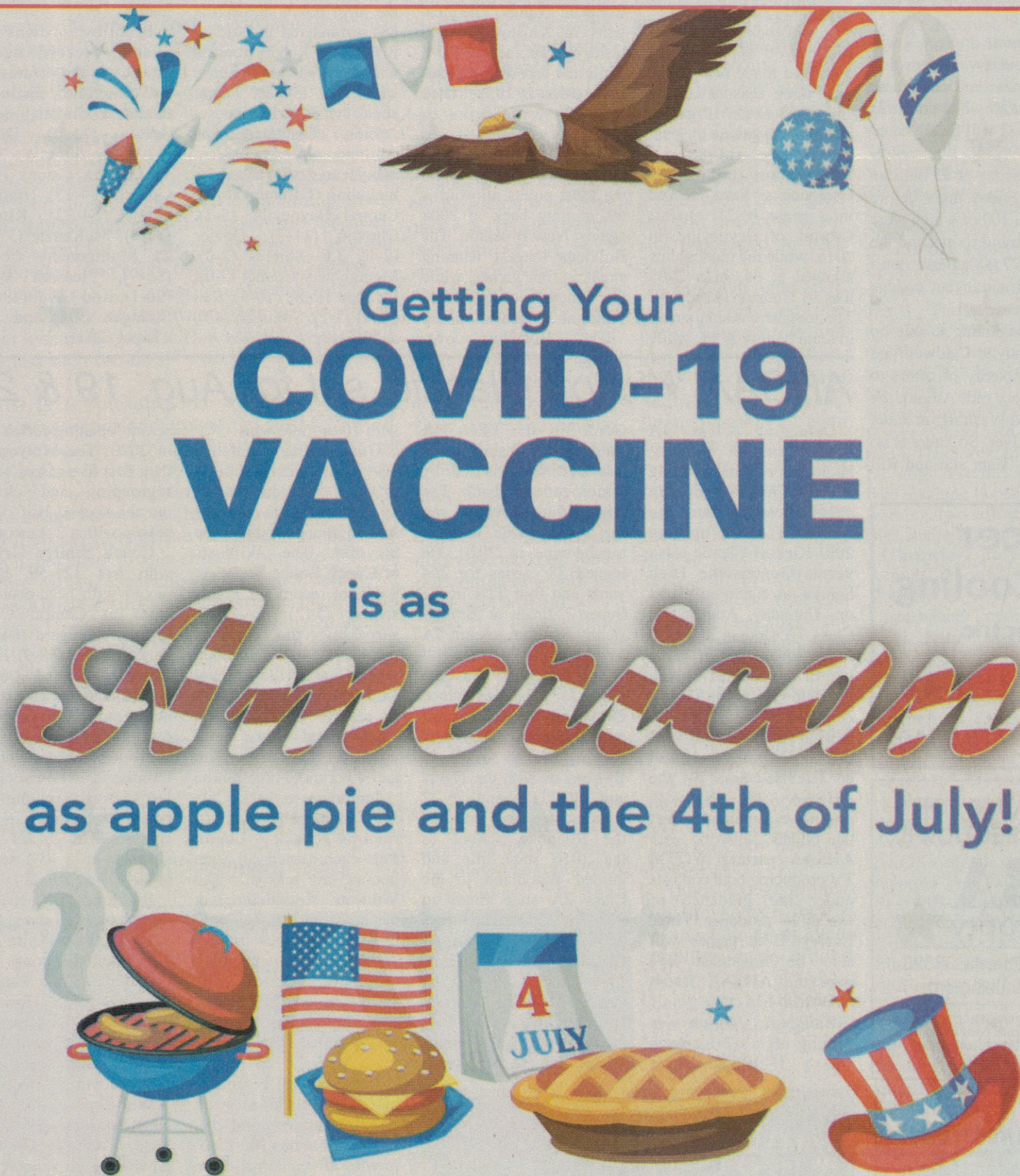
BBQ Plate Sale underway to benefit Elba High School football program

The Elba Tigers are conducting a BBQ Plate Sale with all proceeds benefitting the Elba High School Football Program.

The plates can be picked up Saturday, Aug. 7, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Elba High School Commons Area. Including on the plate will be BBQ, Baked Beans, Slaw, Bread, and Cake.

Cost is \$10 per plate. Contact a football player or parent today to purchase a plate or plates!

Head football coach is Marc Sieving - (334) 389-4010 or msieving@elbaed.com



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